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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 29, 2006

This paper is responsive to a Non-Final Office action dated September 29, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 29, 2006. Please amend the above-identified application as indicated hereafter. Further examination and reconsideration are requested.

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